

I am appalled that companies like Sinclair can use PUBLIC airwaves to push their one-sided agenda. Their ability to influence hundreds of thousands, if not millions of people using PUBLIC airwaves is the opposite of an open and free democracy.

I hope the FCC, whose mission is to serve the PUBLIC interest will take whatever action is necessary to prevent Sinclair from doing this.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license

renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.